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Attorney General's New 'Resolution Oklahoma' Program Provides Free Legal Help for Homeowners

Families, Attorneys Encouraged to Apply

OKLAHOMA CITY – TheAttorney General's Office and Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma are providing free legal help to homeowners who are facing mortgage issues or foreclosure.

The program – Resolution Oklahoma – is designed to help Oklahoma residents stay in their homes or seek the best outcome for their situations. The program is provided by a grant from the Attorney General's Oklahoma Mortgage Settlement Fund.

The fund was created in March, following a settlement by the AG's Office with five of the nation's largest mortgage servicers. Mortgages do not need to be with one of the five servicers to apply for the Resolution Oklahoma program.

"We signed a separate Oklahoma Mortgage Settlement so we could craft solutions that were best for our state," Attorney General Scott Pruitt said. "Throughout this process, we found homeowners fared better with the help of an attorney. Through Resolution Oklahoma, we will be able to provide this critical legal assistance to Oklahoma families."

Oklahomans with lower incomes or seniors should first contact Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma to determine if they qualify for income-based assistance under Resolution Oklahoma. Homeowners who do not qualify for income-based need can apply for a voucher worth up to \$5,000 in legal services through the AG's Office under the Resolution Oklahoma program.

The voucher application must be completed by homeowners and their attorneys of choice and submitted to the AG's Public Protection Unit for approval. Once approved, the attorneys will provide the services needed and submit the invoices to the AG's Office for payment once the work is complete.

Voucher applications are available online at www.oag.ok.gov, by e-mail at PublicProtection@oag.ok.gov or by calling (405) 521-2029.

To contact Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, call (888) 534-5243 or go online to www.oklaw.org.

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